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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Minerals - Change of name from M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd to M/s Ambuja Cements Limited in respect of mining lease over an extent of 277.87 Hects in different survey numbers in Nadikudi, Alugumallipadu, Gogulapadu Villages of Guntur District and deemed extension of lease upto 50 years under section 8(A)(3) of MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2016, and extension of time for commencing the Mining Operations as well as for establishment of cement plant - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.90 Dated:08.11.2023

Read the following:

1. G.O.Msd.No.182, Ind. & Com. (M.II) Dept, Dt.09.06.1999.
2. G.O.Ms.No.41, Ind. & Com. (M.II) Dept, Dt.07.03.2007.
3. G.O.Ms.No.74, Ind. & Com. (M.II) Dept, Dt.26.02.2009.
4. The DMG File No.8476IR2-3/2OLL, Dt.28.08.2015
5. Govt., Memo.No.13584/M.III (2)/2015, Date:10.11.2015.
6. From M/s Ambuja Cements Ltd, Reply dt'28.11.2015.
7. From the DM&G, A.P,, File No.8476/R3-3/2011, dt.18.07.2017.
8. Govt. Memo. No. 13584/M. III(2) I 2015, dt. 08. 09. 2017.
9. From M/s Ambuja Cements Ltd, Rep. ACUMR/NDKD/ML-1&2/2017/04, dt.09. 10.2017.
10. Govt., Memo.No.13584/M.III (2)/2015, Date:31-01-2018.
11. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, single file bearing No.1846/D7/2011, Dt.03.11.2023.
12. Govt.,MEMO.NO.MG0DMGE/310/2023/M-III Date:01/11/2023.
13. From DM&G, A.P Lr.No. Lr.No.8476/D7/2011, Dt. 03.11.2023.

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O R D E R:

In the G.O 1st read above, Government have granted a Mining lease for Limestone over an extent of 277.870 Hectares in different survey numbers in Nadikudi, Alugumallipadu, Gogulapadu Villages of Guntur District in favour of M/s. Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd in Dachepalli Mandal of Guntur District.

2. In the Memo 10th read above, Government have considered the request of M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cement Limited (Company) and extended time for commencement of mining operations for the said mining lease up to 31.12.2019 and the time for completion of the project activities up to 31.12.2021, subject to the condition that no further extension will be allowed. The lessee company in their representation vide letter 9th read above, has stated that the commencement of mining operations was delayed unfortunately as the reasons beyond their control due to Covid pandemic.

3. In the single file 11th & Letter 13th read above, the DM&G, A.P., while giving proper justification, has stated that the lease holder has paid, as per rules, an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- towards fine for delay caused in intimation of name change of the company and an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- towards fee for non-commencement of Mining Operations within 2 years from the date of execution of lease deed, duly submitting a copy of review of Mine plan with progressive mine closure plan for the period 2019-20 to 2023-24 which is pending for approval by the IBM. The lease holder has informed that after getting extension of time of the Mining Lease, they will commence the Mining operations by March, 31st 2024 subject to approval of the Mining Plan and receipt of other requisite approvals from the statutory authorities and also set up the plant (Clinker/Cement) within five (05) years and they also informed that they will clear all pending dues, if any payable to the Government. The lessee has submitted an affidavit to this effect.

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4. Therefore, the DM&G, A.P., has requested the Government to accord permission in respect of the said lease for name change from M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd to M/s Ambuja Cements Limited and extension of the said lease upto 50 years in favour of newly changed lessee Company, subject to obtaining statutory clearances and for extension of time for a further period of one (1) year to commence the Mining Operations subject to completion of DGPS Survey for the lease area and also for a further period of four (4) years for establishment of cement plant.

5. Government, after careful examination of the entire matter, hereby accord permission for name change from M/s Gujarat Ambuja Cement Ltd to M/s Ambuja Cements Limited in respect of mining lease over an extent of 277.87 Hects in different survey numbers in Nadikudi, Alugumallipadu, Gogulapadu Villages of Guntur District as per Rule 61 of Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession Rules, 2016 and grant extension of lease period upto 50 years i.e., from 15-10-1999 to 14-10-2049 as per section 8-A(3) of MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 in favour of M/s Ambuja Cements Limited, subject to obtaining Scheme of Mining from IBM, and submission of required statutory clearances and also extend time for a further period of one (1) year for commencing the mining operations as per amended Rule 20(6) of Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession Rules, 2016, subject to completion of DGPS Survey for the lease area and for a further period of four (4) years for establishment of cement plant, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under MM(D&R) Act, and the Rules made thereunder and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the lessee fulfills all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
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